

IHS/CAO TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
October 29-30, 2002
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members in attendance:	Tribe Represented	Region Represented
Mr. Peter Masten, Jr.	Hoopa Valley Tribe	Northern
Ms. Rosemary Nelson	Cedarville & Alturas	Northern
Mr. Daniel Cardenas	Pit River Tribe	Northern
Ms. Kelly Short-Slagley	Agua Caliente Band of MI	Southern
Mr. James Hill	La Posta Band of MI	Southern
Ms. Theda Molina	La Jolla Reservation	Southern
Mr. Lonnie Bill	Mono Tribe Cold Springs	East Central
Mr. Jeffrey C. Knight*	Middletown Rancheria	West Central
Ms. Donna Schular	Sherwood Valley Rancheria	West Central
Mr. David L. Rambeau	Urban Representative	

IHS staff in attendance:

Ms. Margo Kerrigan,	Area Director
Mr. J. Paul Redeagle,	Deputy Area Director
Dr. Stephen Mader,	Chief Medical Officer (CMO)
Mr. Dennis Heffington,	ISDA Program Manager
Dr. Ralph Ettinger,	Psychologist Consultant
Ms. Paula Lee,	Attorney, OGC

The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC) meeting began on Tuesday, October 29th at 9:00 a.m. In addition to the attendees listed above, this meeting was open to and attended by additional tribal and program leaders, and guests.

Ms. Kerrigan, Area Director, California Area Indian Health Service (CAIHS), opened the meeting with a welcome, and introductions. After a review of the agenda, announcements included the dates and location for the next Annual Tribal Leader's Meeting scheduled for March 25-27, 2003 at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Reno, Nevada.

A status report of the renewal of P.L. 94-437, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, was added to the agenda at the request of Mr. Peter Masten. A handout and short status report was provided by Ms. Arvada Nelson later in the meeting.

Budget Formulation Activities - Dr. Stephen Mader, CMO, and Beverly Miller, Executive Officer, presented handouts to the

group on the Budget Formulation Process and outlined the steps necessary for California Area input to the next budget. The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee serves as the California Area Budget Formulation Team. A review of area health priorities to be used in the proposed needs based budget and the proposed rules based budget was accomplished.

The FY 2003 Area Health Priorities will be reviewed during the CAO Area Tribal Leader's Meeting in March. This presentation overview is preparation for coming requirements for the CATAC and Area Tribal Leaders to complete the workbook process for IHS Headquarter's consolidation into a proposed national budget.

The coming January 2003 CATAC meeting will be used for formulation activities for the FY 2005 budget.

The group discussed the normal budget formulation activities, but also the necessity for additional coordinated tribal lobbying efforts. You may also review the latest national budget formulation activities on

<http://www.ihs.gov/AdminMngrResources/Budget/index.asp>

BIOTERRORISM - Dr. David Sprenger gave a presentation on Bioterrorism historical accounts as well as discussed the importance and ways that our health programs and clinics could and should get involved in local disaster response plans.

DIABETES DATA PROJECT - Ms. Dawn LeBlanc and Steven Veramontes spoke about best practices of the Round Valley & Mod Com project. Services provided through U.C. Davis telemedicine include interactive consultation with physician services and remote patients. In addition to regular physicians, high-resolution retina images enables interaction with ophthalmologists. Telemedicine services provide various health consultation access to remote areas that might not otherwise be available or provide easier access. This makes it easier to target health care, track health care, and measure effectiveness of health care and provide follow-up with recommendations from specialists.

Government Performances Result Act (GPRA) - Dr. Mader spoke about the need for electronic data reporting system provided in a streamlined manner through the IHS supported RPMS, "GPRA Plus". The GPRA Plus system utilizes the entered RPMS data to track and measure the performance of the agency. Congress compares the IHS to other agencies, CDC, etc. Funding from Congress results from comparison of GPRA data.

Mr. Stephen Lopez reviewed the GPRA Self Evaluation Form that would make improvements in the health programs process.

CATAC REQUIREMENTS - Mr. Dennis Heffington reviewed the requirements of serving on the California Area Tribal Advisory Committee. These requirements can be reviewed in the California Area Indian Health Service Circular No. 02-03, TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Ms. Kerrigan expressed her concerns over the number of national Indian Health Service workgroups and how important it is that California be represented by our elected CATAC tribal leaders.

RESTRUCTURING INITIATIVE WORKGROUP - Ms. Rosemary Nelson, the California Area Representative to this national workgroup, provided an over view and report of the Restructuring Initiative Workgroup. A copy of the final report is available, or you can review in on the Indian Health Service Web Site: www.ihs.gov under "Nationwide Programs and Initiatives".

BUSINESS PLAN WORKGROUP - Ms. Margo Kerrigan, Director CAO IHS, described the final results and recommendations of the Business Plan Workgroup. The final nine-chapter document describes in business terms how the Indian Health Service will function for the next five years. The values of the BPWG include "the patient comes first", "excellence", and "monitoring tribal government". These values and the document describes how the IHS and tribal governments plan to build capacity in third party billing, revenues, and technological advances.

Two videos were presented, one showing ***Anti-Drug Public Service Announcements***, and ***Grandmother's Talking Circle*** provided by Ms. Donna Schular.

Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee - Ms. Kelly Short-Slagley provided a report on the recommendation of the Tribal Leader's Diabetes Committee. The recommended the same formula used in FY 2002 to be used for FY 2003 diabetes funds. Diabetes funding, if all of the funds are not used it will be rolled over into the following year, so programs can be creative in determining how to utilize the funds.

Ms. Carolyn Cahn, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), made a brief announcement regarding a travel scholarship to Baltimore, Maryland re: long term care conference. Ms. Diane Chihuahua, Ms. Theda Molina, Mr. Danial Cardenas, and Ms. Kelly Short-Slagley were planning on attending.

Alcohol National Fund Distribution - Mr. James Hill, the California representative on the workgroup made a short presentation on past meetings.

YRTC Task Force Update - Dr. Ralph Ettinger provided a handout outlining the current California Area YRTC program and outlined the status of the Project Justification Document (PJD) for the proposed YRTC Network expansion for California. The PJD outlined the two facilities currently proposed, one for southern California and another for northern California. The proposed cost for the northern California facility is approximately \$7 million. The proposed facility will have 35 beds, an open ward, a five-bed intensive care ward, personnel, and suites for family members. The Lake County Tribal Health Consortium is in the process of purchasing a large tract of land for treatment purposes.

Next California Area Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting - The next meeting was previously scheduled for January 28-29th in the California Area Indian Health Service conference room on the 7th floor at 650 Capitol Mall in Sacramento, California.